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1.DUE TO INABILITY TO OBTAIN EARLY APPOINTMENTS WITH MINFIN DIRGEN FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS JULIANTO, ECON COUNS AND EMBOFF MET FEB 16 WITH HIS DEPUTY IRSAN TANJUNG AND NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR FOR INVESTMENT AND OFFICIAL HOLDINGS MARZUKI USMAN. LATTER WAS INTRODUCED AS OFFICER WHO WOULD HENCEFORTH BE CONCERNED WITH P.T. BAUD CASE, BUT SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION LEADS US TO DOUBT THAT HE WILL BE SPENDING MUCH TIME ON THE MATTER.

2. TANJUNG WAS UNMOVED BY ECON COUNS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN THAT APPARENT GOI INTRANSIGENCE COULD STRENGTHEN SEA OIL'S CASE IN CONGRESSIONAL EYES AND POSSIBLY AGAIN RAISE QUESTION OF SANCTIONS. HE REPLIED IN AN AMICABLE BUT MATTER-OF-FACT TONE THAT GOI DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS A CASE BETWEEN ITSELF AND SEA OIL. THIS HAD BEEN STATED IN MINISTER WARDHANA'S NOVEMBER 30 REPLY TO ICC REFUSING THE SEA OIL REQUEST FOR CONCILIATION, IN WHICH ICC ALSO WAS TOLD IT HAD NO JURISDICTION IN THE MATTER. SIMILAR WORDING WILL BE USED IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTER'S REPLY TO THE JANUARY 14 ICC REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION WHICH TANJUNG EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED SHORTLY. HE PROMISED TO TRY TO OBTAIN FOR US COPIES OF BOTH LETTERS AS WELL AS OF ONE SENT RECENTLY BY THE MINISTER TO SEA OIL PRESIDENT CHARLES SULLIVAN IN WHICH SULLIVAN WAS TOLD THE \$450,000 GOI OFFER WAS FINAL. (FYI - TANJUNG SAID THE GOI HAD RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED IN A

LETTER FROM SULLIVAN THAT HE HAD DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM SEA OIL. END FYI) TANJUNG EXPLAINED THAT THE OFFER WAS TO COMPENSATE FOR ASSETS ON THE LAND, BUT NOT FOR THE LAND ITSELF, TITLE TO WHICH WAS LOST THROUGH SEA OIL NEGLECT.

3. COMMENT: TANJUNG SAID GOI HAD BEEN ALERTED BY PREVIOUS EMBOFFS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SANCTIONS. OBVIOUSLY THEY HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED. WHILE HE DID NOT SAY SO, WE WERE LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THE GOI JUST DOES NOT BELIEVE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONGRESSIONAL SANCTIONS IS VERY GREAT. THERE SEEMS NO DOUBT THAT GOI MEANS IT WHEN IT SAYS THAT SEA OIL CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION FOR LAND ARE BASELESS, THAT THERE REALLY IS NOTHING FOR THE TWO PARTIES TO DISCUSS AND THAT ITS OFFER OF \$450,000 FOR ABOVE GROUND ASSETS IS FINAL. WORD THAT SULLIVAN HAS TERMINATED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH SEA OIL HAS ADDED TO GOI BELIEF THAT IT IS IN THE RIGHT. WE HAVE NO RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE, BUT, BASED ON OUR CURRENT IMPRESSIONS. WE DO NOT EXPECT GOI TO DEVIATE MUCH, IF AT ALL, FROM ITS CURRENT POSITION. **GARDNER**

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